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1. A group of the politically most active members of the Czechoslovak National Socialist Party, some of whom are members of the government, decided to start open political warfare against the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia by voicing in public their apprehension that the policy of the Communist Party, which is in virtual control of the Czechoslovak Government, is damaging the country's good name by suppressing democratic rights and by inaugurating a regime of political and economic regimentation which, if allowed to go unchecked, will bring ruin instead of the promised blessings.
2. Evidence of the unconstitutional and undemocratic activities of the Communists will be made public, inquiries will be undertaken, and reforms asked for. Demands will be brought into the open and backed up with the weight and authority of the individuals who are part of the group.
3. Dr. Drtina, leader of the group, in announcing its decision, declared it was time to show the friends of democracy that public-spirited Czechs were capable of personal and effective action which did not have to rely on moral or other kind of support from Western Europe.
4. The group has undertaken steps to acquaint the British and American Embassies in Prague of its intention to start an active campaign against the Communists.
5. In addition to Dr. Drtina, the following are associated with the group: Mr. Jozka David, President of the Constitutional Assembly, Dr. Jan Jina, a senior official from the Chancery of the President, Colonel Fryc, senior official of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and Captain Knotek, joint secretary of the National Union of Czech Partisans.

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